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Rudolstadt

1. Between 21 and 30 June 1951, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54) quartered about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and 80 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops marched to the Flak Kaserne to receive driving instruction. About 120 troops, including about 10 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets, assembled in the barracks yard on 22 June. A lieutenant colonel and a captain with artillery insignia were observed with the troops.

2. The Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 40 drivers and a guard unit of about 40 men, all wore red-bordered black epaulets. However, two sentries and four patrols in the billeting area wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

3. The Alte Kaserne quartered only a rear detail of about 30 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The komendantura was occupied by 30 soldiers who also wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. All of its windows were lighted in the evenings from 21 to 30 June. The requisitioned Richter Factory, adjoining the komendantura, was vacant.

Saalfeld

4. The Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld (M 51/J 53) quartered from 50 to 60 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. They were seen drilling on 21, 25, and 28 June.

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Comment. The components of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div were still confirmed at Ohrdruf [redacted] on 7 July 1951. The present report indicates that only recruits, driving-school soldiers and guard details were in Rudolstadt at the time of observation.

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